



**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT WEST LONDON AEROCLUB  
TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 18:30 HOURS**

**Present**

Wally Epton  
Colin Dodds  
Allan Vogel  
Chris Royle  
Andy Smith  
Richie Piper  
John Broad  
Dennis Neville  
Ken Peters  
Russell Mason  
Tim Scorer  
Malcolm Ward

Chairman  
Deputy Chairman  
Treasurer  
Special Projects  
PR & Visits Co-Ord  
Webmaster

Hon. Insurance Adviser  
Hon. Legal Adviser  
Secretary

	<b><u>Action party/parties</u></b>
<b><u>Chairman's Opening Remarks</u></b>	
Prior to opening the meeting, the Chairman reminded members that details of the discussion of matters arising during this meeting were to be treated as confidential.	
<b><u>Item 1. Apologies for Absence</u></b>	
The following persons had tendered their apologies for absence:  Prof. Mike Bagshaw (Hon. Medical Adviser), Nigel Foster (Hon. Insurance Adviser), Wendy Hinchcliffe, Roger Hinchcliffe, Martin Slater, Steve Slater and Mike Vaisey.	
<b><u>Item 2. Minutes of the last Council Meeting</u></b>	
The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2016, were	

<p>approved as an accurate record and have been posted on the HAA website.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 3. Self Administration Working Group</u></b></p>	
<p><u>Progress Update.</u> The Chairman reported that he had had meetings with Tony Rapson of the CAA and with Parliamentary contacts Sir Gerald Howarth MP, Byron Davis MP and Grant Shapps MP. The meeting with the CAA had confirmed that the regulator was still keen to proceed with a delegation to the HAA. However, Mr Rapson had been frank about the challenges to achieving this. Until the consequences of the Shoreham accident had been dealt with, progress was going to be difficult. It seemed likely that the final report from the AAIB would not now be issued before the end of the year. However, Tony Rapson had indicated his plans to form a “Tiger Team” to work with the HAA on the implementation of SAM, once the time was right. Nevertheless, it was unlikely that there would be a protracted hiatus in progress with SAM. Council members’ attention was drawn to the notes of the 26 Aug 2016 meeting of the SAM Working Group, which had been circulated by the Chairman. <i>(Secretary’s note: additional copy attached to the minutes.)</i> The Chairman referred to the discussion recorded in the notes on how the HAA could “raise its game” to move from a perceived social club to an influential representative industry body. The Chairman sought proposals from Council Members on how the HAA could raise its profile, increase the value delivered to the membership and to provide incentives for others to join. It was agreed that this topic would be a key item on the agenda for the next meeting of Council.</p> <p><u>Discussion.</u> It was observed that the ongoing delays posed a risk to sustaining the momentum of the implementation of SAM. It was not clear exactly how large the potential market for SAM was: some warbird operators had chosen to carry paying customers under safety standards acknowledgement and consent (SSAC), whereas other historic aircraft operators continued to offer trial lessons in their aircraft. However, the SAM WG would continue to work on proposals in accordance with the directive of the HAA Council.</p> <p><i>(Secretary’s note: Item 3 was taken after Item 4, but is recorded here in sequence.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">All</p>
<p><b><u>Item 4. Preparation for the 2016 Symposium</u></b></p>	
<p>Chris Royle reported that the detailed preparations for the Symposium were well in hand, although several final details needed to be resolved. The key points were as follows:</p> <p><u>Speakers and Topics.</u> The 4 speakers would be: Steve Bohill-Smith, with a talk on displaying the 747 and Concorde; Dave Southwood, with a presentation on flying the classic jets; Robert Pleming, who would offer a retrospective on the Vulcan; and Ian Whittle, son of Sir Frank, with a review of the early days of jet engines. Chris Royle agreed to ask the speakers to send a copy of</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Chris Royle</p>



<b><u>Item 6. Membership</u></b>	
<p>The Membership Secretary was unable to attend, but had nothing to report.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the appeal, or lack of appeal, of the HAA to the younger generation. Time did not permit this to be properly addressed at the meeting, so it was agreed that the Sec would add an item to the agenda for the next meeting on the topic of future membership and what the HAA could offer.</p>	Sec
<b><u>Item 7. HAA Events &amp; Public Relations update</u></b>	
<p><u>Newsletter.</u> The next Newsletter would need to be issued promptly, if it was to reach members in time to jog their minds about the Symposium. However, the PR &amp; Events Rep had received little other content for the Newsletter. The following topics were suggested for inclusion in the Newsletter: CAP 403; perspectives on Shoreham, new appointments to the HAA Council and the forthcoming press day for the “People’s Mosquito” project.</p> <p><u>Pop-Up Display Stands.</u> Options were discussed for procuring pop-up display stands for the HAA to use at the Symposium and other events. John Broad kindly agreed to investigate where the Vintage Aircraft Club had obtained their pop-up displays from. Council agreed that the PR Rep and the Chairman should proceed with the acquisition of suitable display stands, with a budget of £600.</p> <p><u>Visits.</u> It was clear that managing both the Newsletter and the annual programme of visits was not proving to be feasible for one person. Council agreed that the role should be split, with Andy Smith remaining as the PR &amp; Newsletter Rep, whilst a volunteer would be sought to take on the role of Visits Coordinator. Allan Vogel suggested that Jo Ayres might be interested in the role and agreed to put her in touch with the Chairman, to discuss the possibility.</p> <p><i>(Post-meeting note. Jo Ayres has agreed to take on the role of HAA Visits Coordinator.)</i></p>	<p>John Broad</p> <p>Andy Smith Wally Epton</p> <p>Allan Vogel</p>
<b><u>Item 8. Website Update</u></b>	
<p>The Webmaster reported that the new contractor was making good progress with the construction of the updated website. The delay in payment of the initial invoice had tested the goodwill of the contractor, but fortunately the bill had now been settled. The plan was for the existing content of the website to be carried across into the new framework, in which it would be possible for Council members to amend or remove content as it became out of date. Future enhancements to facilitate on-line payments and membership applications via the website were technically feasible, but would not be without cost. Market standards were for approximately 5% of the revenue of on-line transactions to be paid to the</p>	

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<p>provider, which would hit the HAA’s limited income, unless we could find a way of offsetting the cost.</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 9. HAA Trophies</u></b></p>	
<p>The Deputy Chairman had sought nominations for the shortlist for this year’s Darrol Stinton Memorial Trophy. After discussion, it was agreed that final nominations would be accepted for a further limited period, after which Council would make an ex-committee decision.</p> <p><i>(Post meeting note: It was subsequently decided that it would not be appropriate to rush the process and that, accordingly, the announcement of the 2016 winner of the DSMT would not be made at this year’s Symposium.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Deputy Chairman</p>
<p><b><u>Item 10. Council Appointments</u></b></p>	
<p>The Chairman reported that, as agreed by Council, he had invited Dr Mike Trudgill to join us as an Honorary Medical Adviser. In addition to the search for a volunteer to act as Visits Coordinator, as recorded at Agenda Item 7, it was proposed that the HAA should seek to appoint a Fundraising Manager. It was agreed that the Sec would add this topic to the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Sec</p>
<p><b><u>Item 11. Planned Changes to CAP 403</u></b></p>	
<p>Dennis Neville informed Council that a meeting was planned to be held at the CAA offices in London later in the month, to review the proposed changes to CAP 403, the CAA’s guidelines on Flying Displays and Special Events. He queried how the HAA should, and would be able to, influence the debate. Although BADA was the recognised body for air display organisers, they did not have many current display pilots and certainly not at the lighter end of the display spectrum. There was a view that the HAA should, in recognition of its origins, speak for display pilots of historic aircraft, especially as the proposed, prescriptive rules on displays were felt to be unworkable for light aircraft displays and small venues. However, the position that had hitherto been taken by the HAA was that we would work with and through BADA, to ensure that our interests were aired, rather than seeking separate representation for historic aircraft display pilots. BADA had circulated to their members a questionnaire on the forthcoming changes: it was felt that if BADA was to represent the full spectrum of views, the questionnaire should also be distributed to those display pilots who were not members of BADA. Wally Epton agreed to approach BADA, to suggest this. Furthermore, it was agreed that the topic of representation of pilots displaying historic aircraft should be debated more fully. According, the Secretary was tasked to add this as an item for discussion at the next meeting of Council.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Wally Epton</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sec</p>
<p><b><u>Item 12. Closure of RAF Henlow</u></b></p>	
<p>The MOD had announced that RAF Henlow would be one of the sites to be</p>	

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closed in the near future. It was unclear what the closure would entail for the airfield, which was recognised as historically significant in its own right, as well as being an excellent grass airfield. John Broad kindly agreed to raise the question with the GAAC and to report back to Council.	John Broad
<b><u>Item 13. Review of Open Actions</u></b>	
<b>Action Log – outstanding items were, where appropriate, covered under the relevant Agenda Item. Please refer to the Open Action Log for these updates.</b>	Please review the Action Log in association with these minutes.
<b><u>Item 14. Any Other Business</u></b>	
<u>Lead in AVGAS.</u> It was reported that the environmental lobby, Friends of the Earth, had started a campaign to ban leaded AVGAS. Time did not permit any detail discussion of the issue.	
<b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b>	
The next meeting was to be held on 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016, at West London Aero Club, White Waltham, commencing at the earlier than normal time of 16:00 hours. This meeting would be followed by the HAA Council Christmas Dinner.	

Wally Epton  
Chairman

Malcolm Ward  
Secretary

*Please note that dates/timings of forthcoming meetings appear on the website under the 'Events/Meetings and Symposium' tab. However, planned dates for forthcoming events are as follows. All meetings (unless otherwise detailed) start at 18:30 and will be held at White Waltham:-*

<i>Annual Symposium, RAF Museum Hendon</i>	<i>29th October 2016</i>
<i>Council Meeting &amp; Annual Dinner</i>	<i>6th December 2016*</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>18th January 2017</i>
<i>Annual Meeting &amp; Flying Forum Old Warden</i>	<i>tbd - April 2017</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>25th April 2017</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>27th June 2017</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>12th September 2017</i>
<i>Annual Symposium, RAF Museum Hendon</i>	<i>tbd - October 2016</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>5th December 2017*</i>

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*\*The December meeting commences at 16:00 and will be followed by the Council Christmas Dinner.*